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OR 55473

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United States  
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Bureau of Land Management  
Eugene District Office

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

Background: Right-of-Way Grant OR 55473 was issued by the BLM to AirTouch Communications, Inc. in 2000. Grant OR 55473 expires in 2017 and authorized the construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of a communications facility on Badger Mountain in the Coast Range west of Eugene (within the BLM's Lot 7, Section 35, T. 17 S., R. 7 W., Will. Mer.). Recently, Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC, doing business as Verizon Wireless, has taken over operations conducted by AirTouch Communications, Inc. under the above-cited grant. Accordingly, Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC has submitted an application for assignment of the grant to the BLM for review and approval.

Proposed Action: The proposed action is to approve the assignment of Right-of-Way Grant OR 55473 to Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC. The terms of the grant would remain unchanged and the Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC management, in the assignment application submitted, has agreed to comply with and be bound by all terms and conditions of the said grant. No ground-disturbing activities are associated with the Proposed Action.

Decision: It is my decision to approve the assignment of Right-of-Way Grant OR 55473 to Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC. Terms of the existing grant remain unchanged.

Rationale: The proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as described in the Departmental Manual [516 DM 6.5, Appendix 5.4E.(9)] and it does not meet any of the exception criteria. 516 DM 6.5, Appendix 5.4E.(9), addressing actions where no exceptions apply, states that this proposed action does not require the preparation of an EA or EIS because it is in the category of actions including "Renewals and assignments of leases, permits or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations". Verizon Wireless LLC made application for the assignment in accordance with regulations found in 43 CFR 2803.6-3 and 2803.6-4.

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Exception Criteria Review Checklist

Proposed Action: The proposed action is to approve the assignment of Right-of-Way Grant OR 55473 from AirTouch Communications, Inc. to Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC.

Review the Proposed Action against each of the ten criteria listed below. If the project meets one or more of the criteria, it is an exception from categorical exclusion and MUST be analyzed in an EA or EIS. To qualify as a Categorical Exclusion the Proposed Action may not meet any of the criteria. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.

Exception Criteria		Comments
1.	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	No.
2.	Have adverse effects on unique resources (i.e., parks, recreation, refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, wetlands, floodplains, etc.)	No.
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects	No.
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks	No.
5.	Establish a precedent that could result in significant impacts	No.
6.	Be directly related to other actions having cumulatively significant effects	No.
7.	Have adverse effects on cultural or historical resources	No.
8.	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed as threatened or endangered or have adverse effect on designated critical habitat for these species.	No.
9.	Require compliance with E.O. 11988 (floodplain management), E.O. 11990 (protection of wetlands), or the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act	No.
10.	Threaten to violate Federal, State, Local or Tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment	No.
Mitigation measures needed to qualify as CE: None have been identified.		

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